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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re Application of:)
Gilmore) Group Art Unit: 1645
Serial No.: 09/004,395)) Examiner: N. Minnifield
Filed: December 23, 1995)) Docket No. 97,429

For: RECOMBINANT P37/FLAA AS A DIAGNOSTIC REAGENT

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed on September 4, 2002. Appellants respectfully request entry of this amendment. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, if a fee is due, please charge our deposit account number 13-2490.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel clai ns 14 and 20.

15. (Three Times Amended) A diagnostic reagent for early detection of Lyme Disease comprising a recombinant FlaA protein, wherein the protein comprises an amino acid

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